UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : FILE (100-10461) DATE: 10/12/64

FROM : SAC SHANKLIN

SUBJECT: LEE HARVEY OSWALD, aka
IS-R-CUBA

On the afternoon of Friday, 10/9/64, Asst. Director C. D. DE LOACH telephoned meand wanted to know the name of the City Manager of Dallas and whether I thought that contacting him might clarify this matter.

I advised him that the City Manager was Mr. ELGIN E. CRULL, that I personally knew Mr. CRULL and that he had cooperated with us generally speaking in connection with this investigation, but of course he was trying to protect the City of Dallas. I had no objection whatsoever to contacting him to see if he would permit CURRY to answer a call from a newspaper.

I thereafter contacted Mr. CRULL at 5:00 PM same date. He explained that he could not at this time let CURRY answer any inquiries from the press as they had made a definite policy not to make any more comments and that if he permitted CURRY to answer one inquiry, then the flood gates would be open again. He indicated that prior to changing this, he thought it would have to be taken up with the city council. He did state, however, that he had no objection whatsoever to CURRY furnishing me a letter if I would so request him in writing, clarifying the fact that neither I nor any person in the Federal Bureau of Investigation had ever asked CURRY to cover up the fact that we knew LEE HARVEY OSWALD was in Dallas, Texas prior to the assassination of President KENNEDY.

At approximately 6:00 PM, I called the Bureau and in the absence of Assistant Director DE LOACH, furnished the above information to Inspector ROBERT WICK.

WICK stated he would take this up with DE LOACH and I would be advised.

On 10/10/64, Supervisor DONALD G. HANNING telephonically contacted me at home and stated that Assistant Director

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DE LOACH wanted me to prepare a proposed letter to CURRY and call the same in early Monday morning and it would be taken up and I would be later advised.

At 7:00 AM, Dallas time, I called Assistant Director DE LOACH and dictated the following letter:

> "Based upon a letter which you are quoted by news sources as writing to the President's Commission in May, 1964, certain members of the news media are indicating that I am supposed to have asked you to cover up the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation knew that Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas, Texas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy. I would appreciate your clarifying this matter."

I also told him that Chief CURRY had been instructed to answer my letter by generally stating that he desired to state that neither I nor anyone connected with the Federal Bureau of Investigation ever asked him to cover up the fact that the Federal Bureau of Investigation knew that Lee Harvey Oswald was in Dallas prior to the assassination of President Kennedy.

Assistant Director DE LOACH stated he would advise me later whether to deliver this letter to Chief CURRY.